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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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Washington, D C --

Rep Kika de la Garza, as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, met today with Admiral Eli T Reich, Administrator, Mandatory Petroleum Allocation Program, Department of Interior; and Duke Ligon, Director of the Interior Department's Office of Oil and Gas.

Rep de la Garza said that Mandatory Petroleum Allocation Program Administrator -- Admiral Reich -- submitted for the record his advisory notice No. 1 which says as follows:

"Numerous requests are being received concerning the fuel needs of farmers for harvesting. In many cases, this year's harvest and other critical operations will occur in a different month from last year's. Some suppliers have misinterpreted the Mandatory Allocation Program for Middle Distillate Fuels and are refusing to adjust monthly allocations to meet this year's exception requirements. In this regard, Section 4e of the Program applies: 'Suppliers and purchasers may agree among themselves to either borrow on future allocations or defer current allocations within the level of the total allocation for the year.as long as such arrangements do not result in an

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involuntary reduction in allocations to other purchasers. Similarly, suppliers may borrow or swap products among themselves."

Rep de la Garza further stated, "We have a serious problem and I am trying to do everything I possibly can to assist the people of the 15th District with their individual problems -- at the same time we are trying to solve the overall problem -- we need to continue to work together."

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